No.	State	Sero-Positive
9.	Himachal Pradesh	13
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	10
11.	Karnataka	980
12.	Kerala	180
13.	Madhya Pradesh	64
14.	Maharashtra	5482
15.	Manipur	2138
16.	Mizoram	36
17.	Nagaland	112
18.	Orissa	20
19.	Pondicherry	563
20.	Rajasthan	14
21.	Tamil Nadu	2766
22.	Uttar Pradesh	420
23.	West Bengal	197
24.	Lakshadweep	2
	TOTAL	15017

(f) The strategy to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS consists of generation of awareness among risk-behaviour groups and other people, control of STD blood-safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS cases.

(g) Government have already launched an awareness campaign through mass media channels like Newspapers, Television, Radio, Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity, Directorate of Field Publicity and Song & Drama Division. Simultaneously software packages are being prepared through National Film Development Corporation and an indentified communication agency. A programme to associate Non-Governmental Organisations in the awareness generation and intervention programmes has also been taken up in hand.

Protection to Indian Fishermen

*437. SHRI S .MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1033 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 1994 and state :

(a) whether Indian officials met the Sri Lankan counterparts in Sri Lanka and discussed the problems of Indian fishermen ; and

(b) if so, what measures have been devised to prevent shooting of fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Senior officials of India and Sri Lanka held discussions in Colombo on 8-9 March, 1944 on the problems of fishermen of the two countries, in continuation of the discussions at the level of Foreign Secretaries in Delhi on 15th October, 1993.

(b) During the discussions in Colombo, the two sides agreed to implement effectively the measures devised during Foreign Secretary level talks in October, 1993 to prevent incidents affecting Indian fishermen. These measures relate to (i) precautions to be observed by fishermen ; and (ii) steps to be taken by Sri Lankan Navy to avoid harasment of innocent fishermen.

The two sides agreed to continue the process of bilateral discussions of this issue.

News-Items regarding "Park Cheetals left to fend for themselves"

*438. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 11th March, 1994 under caption "Park Cheetals left to fend for themselves" ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken to save these innocent animals ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have seen the